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March 4, 2005

Mr. Leslie T. Rogers Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration 201 Mission Street, Suite 2210 San Francisco, CA 94105

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) 2004/05-2009/10 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

No. <u>Description</u>

5 Transit Elements

• Adds or modifies various transit projects in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties. The projects include funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Surface Transportation Program (STP), and the Federal Transit Administrations (FTA) 5307, 5309 and 5310 programs.

I am also recommending that the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the SCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The SCAG prepared this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Rachel Falsetti of my staff, at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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